

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising the steps of:

5 selecting a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information;

extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and

call dialing based upon the extracted telephone number, to a line.

10 2. The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein the selected piece of character information is stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system.

3. The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, the selected piece of character information is one selected by a regional designation, and
15 then stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system.

4 The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein the step of extracting telephone number information except for the one relevant to numerals is deleted from the selected string of character information, and a
20 telephone number is extracted from the resulting remainder.

5. The telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising the steps of:

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displaying a first window;

selecting a string of character information in a second window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information;

5 extracting a telephone number from the stored piece of character information;

displaying the extracted telephone number in the first window; and
call dialing based upon the extracted telephone number, to a line.

6. The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the
10 first window is displayed overlapped on top of the plurality of windows displayed on the screen.

7. The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window is displayed as a tool bar.

8. The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein: the first
15 window comprises a telephone region with call dialing keys used to designate a telephone call dialing destination; and

the telephone call dialing method further comprises the steps of:
selecting that one of the call dialing keys in the telephone region, detecting
the selected telephone number, and call-dialing based upon the detected
20 telephone number.

9. The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein: the first window further comprises a call log region where the past telephone call dialing destinations are displayed;

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the telephone call dialing method further comprises the steps of:
selecting one of the past telephone call dialing destinations displayed in the
call log region, detecting the selected telephone number, and call-dialing
based upon the detected telephone number.

- 5 10. An information terminal, with an operating system which can display
a plurality of windows, comprising:

storage means for storing a piece of character information selected
through a window displayed by the operating system;

- 10 extracting means for extracting a telephone number from the piece of
character information stored in the storage means; and

output means for outputting the extracted telephone number in order
to call-dial to a line.

11. An information terminal, with an operating system which can display
a plurality of windows, comprising:

- 15 display application means for executing an application used to display
a first window for assistance in controlling a call dialing operation;

selection means for selecting a string of character information in a
second window displayed by the operating system;

storage means for storing the selected piece of character information;

- 20 extraction means for extracting a telephone number from the stored
string of character information;

output means for outputting the extracted telephone number in order
to call-dial to a line.

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5 13. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11,
wherein the display application means controls said display to display the
extracted telephone number in the first window.

15. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11,
wherein the display application means controls said display to display the first
window which is overlapped on the top of the plurality of windows displayed
in the display.

16. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11, wherein the output means adds a given number to the top of the extracted telephone number, and outputs the extracted telephone number with the given number.

17. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11,
wherein the display application means attaches a given character string to the
extracted telephone number, and controls said display to display the extracted
telephone number with the given number.

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18. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11, wherein the display application means controls the first window to an inactive state responsive to an inactive signal.
19. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 18, the extraction means does not extract the telephone number from the character information responsive to said inactive signal..
20. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11, when the display application means sets the first window to a tool bar display form, the extraction means does not extract the telephone number from the character information.
21. The information terminal, which can call-dial, according to claim 11, wherein said first window is displayed as a tool bar.
22. A recording medium, which a program to be executed by a computer is stored, wherein the program includes:
- a procedure for selecting a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information;
- a procedure for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and
- a procedure for call dialing based upon the extracted telephone number, to a line.
23. A recording medium, which a program to be executed by a computer is stored, wherein the program includes:

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a procedure of call dialing the extracted telephone number to call-dial to a line, in response to the telephone call dialing operation at the first window.